

# Person with cancer—radiotherapy start date, DDMMYYYY

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Person with cancer-radiotherapy start date
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	PER_RADIO THERAPY_START_DATE
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	555794
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">WA Health</a> , Standard 19/03/2015
<b>Definition:</b>	The date when a person with cancer begins a course of radiotherapy treatment, expressed as DDMMYYYY.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person with cancer—radiotherapy start date</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Date DDMMYYYY</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Date
<b>Data type:</b>	Date/Time
<b>Format:</b>	DDMMYYYY
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	8

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** Radiotherapy start date is used to collect information about service volumes for the purpose of calculating radiotherapy waiting times. It can also be used to examine cancer patient care for safety and quality monitoring and other public health purposes.

This is a mandatory data item for national reporting in the:

[Radiotherapy waiting times DSS 2013-15](#)

[Radiotherapy waiting times NMDS 2015-](#)

Establishments that are in scope for national reporting are only those health care establishments that provide megavoltage external beam radiotherapy treatment.

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

See also [Cancer treatment—radiotherapy start date, DDMMYYYY Health!](#), Standard 08/05/2014

See also [Patient—radiotherapy start date, DDMMYYYY Health!](#), Standard 07/12/2011

See also [Radiotherapy waiting times DSS 2013-15 Health!](#), Superseded 13/11/2013

See also [Radiotherapy waiting times NMDS 2015-2018 Health!](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection \(NAPAAWL DC\) 2013-14](#)

[WA Health](#), Standard 19/03/2015

[WA Health Non-Admitted Patient Activity and Wait List Data Collection \(NAPAAWL DC\) 2014-15](#)

[WA Health](#), Standard 24/04/2015